

Defense and Peace

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The New Year has arrived, and looking back over the past year everyone must each have hopes, joys and concerns.

The hope of Heaven is that peace be with all who dwell on earth. The joy of Heaven is the inner peace you experience while in the midst of suffering. The concern of Heaven is that your nation is about to become a lost cause by not doing what needs to be done about conflicts and wars outside your small country which threaten to envelop you.

National defense and peace movements should hold the same meaning in any age. Using wisdom alone to overcome an enemy which uses force to get their way, only works when the enemy is very foolish, or else has no weapons. If one sincerely desires peace and to enjoy freedom, one must have as their foundation the indomitable spirit of putting one's life on the line to defend the independence and sovereignty of one's own country. Were not individual freedoms and human rights once fought for and won? Defense of one's country is the movement which defends peace. To defend means to have some countermeasures ready against natural disasters, foreign invasions, or attacks, and to be prepared so that the nation can stand up to these forces of disruption. Without such a firm stance, how can you protect yourself from natural disasters and enemies and defend your family and country?

Even in terms of an individual's life, what would happen if one grew up with the mentality of a child? What kind of person would one become? One would become a person who always asks things of others, but who is unable to give to others. When Heaven speaks of the need for people to be "as little children," we are speaking of the sincere attitude of children, and in no

way are we referring to their ignorance. After being born, a person's knowledge increases in the process of growing up, and while conflicts and difficulties also increase, a person comes to realize many things through this. Realization or enlightenment can be called a release mechanism which comes after the experience of entrapment.

It does not necessarily mean that murder is intended just because a weapon is held. There are such things as weapons for defense. In the battles between the good spirits in the Celestial Realm and the evil spirits in the realm of darkness, the good spirits take up arms to defend themselves. The desirable and beautiful thing the evil spirits covet are the spirit of virtue, self-sacrifice, and justice that is in the hearts of individuals on the third dimension. Virtue or justice from Heaven is pure so it gives off a brilliant penetrating light even in the realm of darkness. Since you are mortal, however, just as your souls must be purified, the heart of virtuous persons must continually be polished, and unless it is polished constantly, it ceases to shine. This is the same thing as even those with pure and virtuous souls eventually becoming tainted by being among people whose souls are ugly.

If people were to put up with evil with no defense or resistance, and were to simply wait for the judgment of God, the peace of God's kingdom will never come to earth. You must not regard that problem to be so simple as to think that God will bring justice someday.

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